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Advisory

To: Owners of Tractors and 53-foot or Longer Box-Type Trailers in California

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TRACTOR-TRAILER GREENHOUSE GAS REGULATION REPORTING DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 1, 2011

The purpose of this advisory is to announce that the reporting deadline for large fleets with 21 or more 53-foot or longer box-type trailers for the Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Regulation is being extended from July 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011.

Regulation Background

On December 12, 2008, the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) approved for adoption the Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation to reduce GHG emissions from long-haul tractor-trailer combination vehicles operating in California. The regulation applies to 53-foot or longer dry-van and refrigerated-van trailers (box-type trailers) and the tractors that pull them on California highways. The regulation requires tractor-trailers operating in California to utilize tractors and box-type trailers that are either SmartWay certified or retrofitted with SmartWay verified aerodynamic devices (typically skirts for the trailer and fairings for the tractor) and/or low rolling resistance (LRR) tires that meet specified fuel efficiency improvements.

The regulation provides large fleets (that have 21 or more box-type trailers) with two options for compliance:

- bring all of their pre-2011 model year trailers into compliance with the requirements of the regulation by July 1, 2013
- phase-in compliance over a period of six years under the condition that they first register their phase-in plan with ARB by July 1, 2010.

In December, 2010 the phase-in option was amended to allow fleets a second opportunity to register by July 1 2011, with the phase-in time for full compliance reduced to five years, .

Due to recent problems with the TRUCRS (Truck Regulation Upload, Compliance and Reporting System) database which fleets use to register for the large fleet compliance phase-in option, the registration deadline is being extended one month to August 1, 2011.

For More Information

For further information about the regulation, training, outreach efforts, compliance tools or the full text of the Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation, please visit our website at

http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/hdghg/hdghg.htm, or call 866 6DIESEL (866 634-3735), or email us at 8666diesel@arb.ca.gov.

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